

**AGENDA ITEM 16**

Discuss and take appropriate action concerning multi-corridor plan and amendment update.

Nancy Ledbetter addressed the court concerning amending the multi-corridor plan to include some roads that are not contained in it. She recommended public hearings on the proposed amendments. The plan update would reflect the new road bond program policy in the multi-corridor plan.

Moved: **Commissioner Boatright**

Seconded: **Judge Doerfler**

Motion: To approve amendment of the multi-corridor plan, and to have Nancy Ledbetter bring the court a proposal on the plan update process.

Vote: **5 - 0**

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## **Williamson County Multi-Corridor Transportation Plan Plan Amendment & Plan Update Proposed Process**

April 9, 2002

### **Plan Amendment**

Over the past year, a significant amount of work has been done regarding the demographic forecast and update to the Multi-Corridor Transportation Plan (Plan). Revised population and employment 2007, 2017, and 2027 forecasts for Williamson County were developed and recently approved by CAMPO on February 11, 2002. Alliance Texas Engineering Company (ATEC) is finalizing the changes to the transportation network. When this material is complete, it will be time for the Court to consider amending the 1999 Plan.

Specific roadway alignments and pavement sections that are being addressed, because of work on the road bond program and actions by TxDOT, in ATEC's transportation model runs include:

- SH 130 alignment
- Connecting roadways to SH 130
- CR 276
- RM 2243
- CR 214 / CR 214A
- Chandler Road
- Hutto Bypass
- SW segments of Georgetown Inner Loop
- Parmer Lane North segment
- Wyoming Springs (south of RM 620)
- O'Conner/McNeil

These amendments need to be completed as soon as possible to have the Plan consistent with road bond projects.

### **Proposed Process & Schedule:**

Late April	Staff presentation on amendments. Court schedule a public hearing. Circulate information on amendments (to jurisdictions) and make available for public review.
May	Hold Public Hearing(s) – 1 evening hearing and hearing during court. Keep record open for 10 days after last public hearing. Summarize comments and present to court. Court consider amendments.
May/June	Court Consider Plan Amendment

The process outlined above would take six to eight weeks to complete. The majority of this effort can be completed by County staff, once ATEC has completed their modeling work.

### **Plan Update**

In addition to amending the roadway elements of the Plan, there are several other policy areas the Court may want to address in a future update of the Plan. These policy areas include:

- Countywide hike/bike trail program
- Access management guidelines
- Financial constraints/funding options
- Commuter/Regional rail
- Freight rail
- Corridor Preservation
- Access Management
- Incorporate road bond program design standards

The effort to update the Plan could also be completed by County staff with either outside consultant help or additional County staff. The process would take approximately 10 months (depending upon available resources). Should the Court wish to expand staff in the future an additional planner (with AutoCAD and GIS capabilities) would be able to work on not only the update of the Plan, but future roadway amendments and other mapping (GIS) requests from Road and Bridge and the Commissioners Court.

### **Proposed Process & Schedule (2002 – 2003):**

April 2002	Begin Plan Update Process
Summer 2002	Coordination with Local Jurisdictions
December 2002	Staff presentation on Plan Update. Court schedule Public Hearing(s). Circulate information on amendments (to jurisdictions) and make available for public review.
January 2003	Hold Public Hearing(s) – 1 evening hearing and hearing during court.
February 2003	Summarize comments and present to court. Court consider Plan Update adoption.

**AGENDA ITEM 17**

Discuss and take appropriate action concerning acquisition policy on road bond projects.

Moved: **Commissioner Boatright**

Seconded: **Judge Doerfler**

Motion: To authorize Charlie Crossfield to accept offers on the purchase of right-of-way properties upon approval by the precinct commissioner if the offer is within 20% of the appraised value on properties valued at \$50,000 or less, contingent on the appropriation of funds.

Vote: **5 - 0**

**AGENDA ITEM 18**

Discuss and take appropriate action on road bond program.

Mike Weaver addressed the court regarding funding for SH 45 and road bond issuance. He stated that the Highway Commission is rewriting the RMA rules, and that they have stated that the new rules would be favorable. He also discussed issues regarding US 183A.

Judge Doerfler stated that he had received a letter from the Williamson County Blacklands Conservancy regarding roads in eastern Williamson County. They were requesting information on proposed road projects. Mike Weaver will draft a letter with information regarding the road bond web site.

No action was taken on this agenda item.

**AGENDA ITEM 19**

Discuss and take appropriate action on jail/courthouse annex expansion.

Moved: **Commissioner Hays**

Seconded: **Commissioner Boatright**

Motion: To approve a Notice to Proceed (NTP) for the parking garage foundation.

Vote: **5 - 0**

Moved: **Judge Doerfler**

Seconded: **Commissioner Hays**

Motion: To authorize Ed Lee to investigate the use of a computer for law library access in lieu of the hard copy law library to save space in the annex.

Vote: **5 - 0**

Moved: **Commissioner Hays**

Seconded: **Judge Doerfler**

Motion: To approve a proposal from Durham Bus Lines to run a shuttle continuously from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Mondays for jury call at a rate of \$300 per day plus \$1.08 per mile.

Vote: **5 - 0**

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